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SOme of the Ministers in the highest Employments, & of the greatest credit in the French Court, having formed a Designe to assassinate His Maj. of Great Britaine, they made choiçe of one Bartholomew de Liniere, Knight, Sieur de Grandvall, as their instrument to manage the enterprize, to find out Persons fitt to bee employed in it, to engage them by promises of great rewards, as also to bee ayding & assisting in his owne person.

The said Grandvall being informed that one Anthony Du Mont had been already engaged in this designe, in the life time of the late Marquis of Louvois, hee proposed it to him again, to Execute the same, by order of the Marquis of Barbesieux & some others, wher upon severall Projects were drawn up, severall petitions deliver'd, and many Conferences were held, and at last the Resolution was taken to bring it to effect the last Campagne 1691. But the providence of God having disappointed them, yet not withstanding they did notlett fall the prosecution of their horrid Designe. But Grandvall was employed to write frequently to Du Mont (who was retired to Hanover) to stirr him up to another attempt this Campagne, which at last they agreed upon.

One Leesdale coming to Paris about that time, Grandvall

making an acquaintance with him, discoverd to him the said designe, which Leefdale shewed a willingnes to bee concernd in. But soone after gave notice of it by Letters to his Relations in Holland, that they might inform his Majesty. And the like Discovery was made by Du Mont to his Highnes the Duke of Cell, who acquainted his Maj. with it, about the same time, that hee received the other account.

In the mean time Grandvall having appointed Du Mont a rendezvous at Uden, in the country of Ravesteyn, in order to speak with him and Leefdale, to communicate him the mesures, taken about the designe, and afterwards to goe to the execution. Hee sett out from Paris, in company with Leefdale, passing through Bruxells, where hee communicated his Designe to one John d'Amours, who was formerly a Domestick Servant to Leefdales Father, from thence they went to Antwerp, & so to Eyndhoven, where Grandval was seized & carryed to Bois le Duc.

His Maj. directing the examination to bee taken there, Leefdale was first examin'd, who declared with great Exactnes all the circumstances of the Designe, but it is not necessary to mention more of them here, then that Grandvall told him, the King of Great Britaine was look'd upon as the onely obstacle to the French Kings Designs. That Grandvall had sent to Du Mont last Winter above 200. Pistoles to keep him firme to the business. That whilst they were at Mons, a report being spread of some disorders in Schotland, which would oblige his Maj. to cross the sea again, Grandvall fearing it might happen before hee could Execute his Designe, spoke to Leefdale in these words, Dear Friend, wee are like to loose our Fortunes, I beg of you, that wee may go away immediately.

John d'Amours being next Examind, deposed that Grandvall told him att Bruxells, he had a Great business to do, which had miscarryed the last year. And they two falling into a discourse about

about his Maj., John d'Amours asked Grandvall, if hee had any thing to say to the King, yes, answerd hee, to break his neck. John d'Amours representing to him the difficultys that might attend such an attempt, Grandval replyed, I have given my word to Monsr Barbesieux, & I'le do it.

D'Amours adds further that going one day with Grandval & Leefdale by the Jesuits Church att Bruxells; Grandvall said, lett Us go in, & say a Pater noster or two, that God would bles our undertaking, and accordingly, they went into the Church

Du Mont having been Examined since, has owned the fact in all its circumstances, adding severall other particulars (vizt.) that Madame Maintenon was acquainted with the Designe, and that Grandvall in one of his Letters send to him, used this expression, that hee would accommodate the matter by the means of Madame Maintenon. That Grandvall told him, the business succeeding, hee (speaking of him selfs) should have an ample recompense, even to bee a Duke. That whilst hee was at Hanavor, hee imparted the Designe to Monsr. Bidal (alias Hasfelt) who was at that time the French Kings Minister in that Court, that hee shewd to the said Monsr. Bidall all the Letters, hee writt to Monsr. Barbesieux & Grandvall, as also the answers he received from them, that the said Bidall approved the Designe, saying it would bee a very good business, if it could bee brougt to passe; and that Biddall lent him 50 Crowns at Hanover.

Du Mont adds further, that hee was intimately acquainted with one Muller an Agent for Bidall, that the said Muller told him as a great Secret, that Bidall had sent him several times to Holland with dispatches, that came from France, for Monsr. Moreau, Envoy to the King of Poland; That hee always gave those Packetts, in to Mr. Moreaus owne hand, & Monsr. Moreau gave him the answers to them in like manner, and that thus by the help of Monsr. Bidall & Monsr. Moreau, the Court of France manag'd their choiçest correspondence in Holland.

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At laſt Grandval was examind who perceiving that te matter was diſcover'd, and that his owne Letters could bee produced to convict him, he Ingenuouſly confeſſed all the circumſtances of the Deſigne, as they are particularized in the Sentence.

After which Grandvall being brought to the Army, hee was putt upon his tryall before a Grand Court Martiall conſiſting of Generall Officiers, wher hee appear'd ſeverall times, together with the Wittneſſes above mention'd, who not onely perſiſted in what they had already depoſed, but added many other particulars and circumſtances, of which ther were very few, that Grandval did not agree to, and that freely, without putting him upon, or ſo much as naming the Rack to him, either before, or after Sentence.

Grandvall during his Impriſonnement drew up two petitions to bee preſented to his Majeſty, all written with his owne hand, in which hee ſays, *that as to the before mention'd Deſigne, hee acted in it, but in obedience to the ordres hee had received from Monſr. Barbeſieux & Monſr. Chanlais, that du Mont was guilty, that Leefdale was guilty, & that hee (Grandvall) was guilty, ſince every one that conſpires againſt a Crowned Head, is worthy of death, acknowledging his owne fault.*

The Judges after this having mett ſeverall times, at laſt gave their Sentence the 11 of Auguſt, in perſuance of which Sentence Grandval being acqainted that he was to dye the 13 of Auguſt. He did give all the marks of a true repentance of his crimes, and the ſame morning before hewent to execution he writt in the preſence of the Fiſcal, the Miniſters and two other Perſons this following Letter.

From the Camp at Halle 13 Auguſt 1692.

Madam,

I Pray you to goo to the Arch Biſhop of Rheims, with Monſr. Tourduil, and to let the ſaid Arch Biſhop know that it koſts

me my life, for haveing obeyd the orders of Monſieur de Barbeſieux, which is the favour deſired of you by.

Your Servant,
DE GRANDVALL.

Speak to the Marquis d'Arſy, that he take care y be prayd for.

To Madam Juré, in the Trenelle Street, over againſt the Street of the two Crowns, near the Hotell of Soiſſons,
Att Paris.

Upon the occaſion of this Letter it wil not be improper, to take notice of a paſſage that happened ſome dayes before Grandvals condemnation vitz: ; one diſcourſing with the Chevallier Grandvall in Priſon, and obſerving he ſought to juſtify himſelfe upon the orders he had received from the Marquis of Barbeſieux, he told him, tho that was in itſelfe a very weak excuſe for being engaged in ſo baſe an action, yet ſtill it might prove ſo much the worſe, as that it was like enough, Monſieur Barbeſieux would diſowne that he gave any ſuch orders, or that he was any way concern'd with him in a Buſineſs of this nature: to which Grandvall replyed, let him deny what he pleaſes; yet if I were put upon it, I would make it appear very plaine, for I have an original Paper under Monſieur Barbeſieux owne hand, which I have lodged whith a Friend of mine, who wil not part with it, to anyone but my ſelfe and nobody elſe knows, with whom I have entruſted it. About eleven of the clock in the morningh was the ſaid Grandval drawn on a hedge to the place of execution, where the Sentence was read, and the prayer done in the Frenſch Tongue, which he liked to hear very earnſtly, and afterwards did the executors their work, in order to the Sentence.

God bleſs King WILLIAM
and Queen MARY.

SENTENCE

Of the

CHEVALLIER the GRANDVAL.

WHereas Bartholomew de Liniere, Knight, Sieur de Grandvall, Borne at Liniere in Picardy, aged about 43 years, & now a prisonner, hath confessed before the Grand Court Martiall without any constraints by pain or being in irons. And it further appearing to the said Court Martiall, that the late Marquis de Louvois in his Life time Secretary of State to the French King in the year 1691 enter'd into an agreement with one Anthony du Mont, about the murther of his Majesty William the III. King of Great Britaine, &c. And that the said du Mont had framed a project setting forth in wat manner that designe might bee executed. That hee delivered the said project, to the said Marquis of Louvois. That the Prisoner some time before the Marquis of Louvois death, asking his leave to go some where else, was order'd by the said Marquis not to go away, for that hee had some business of consequence to employ him in, which the prisoner supposes to have some relation to the said Design, but the Marquis of Louvois dying some time after, ther was no further progress then made in the said Designe. That the Marquis of Barbesieux son to the said Marquis of Louvois, as also Secretary of State to the French King having five days after his Fathers death, found the said project together with a warrant for 30 Pistoles to bee payd to the said du Mont among his Fathers Papers, the said Designe was revived again, & the 30 Pistoles were payd accordingly; that the Prisoner contracted an acquaintance with du Mont at Monsieur Rebenacs House, where Monsieur Paparel, Pay-master General to the French

Kings Armyes, saying one day to Monsieur Rebenac (the Prisoner being present) that if they had a mind to seize the King of England, du Mont would bee a fitt Person for it, du Mont replyed with execrations, that hee would carry of his Majesty alive, or dead, as hee had promised to Monsieur de Louvois. That du Mont having delivred the same, or the like project to Monsieur de Barbesieux, the Prisoner to promote the said Designe had several conferences with Monsieur Barbesieux & Monsieur Paparel, in one of which, Monsieur Barbesieux told the Prisoner, that hee suspected, his Father was poyson'd, by order of the P. of Orange (meaning his present Majesty of Great Britaine) and therfore hee would be reveng'd on him. That Monsr. Barbesieux told the Prisoner in another conference, that hee should give du Mont notice, that his Majesty of Great Britaine wore a Coat of Maile, which the prisoner acquainting du Mont with, hee answerd ther upon, it is no matter, I'le kill him for all that. That Barbesieux had said further, hee would not speak himself with du Mont, fearing hee might bee taken Prisoner, and if hee should happen then to name him, it might make a great breach in his fortune. That the Prisoner was engaged wit one Parker a Colonel belonging to the late King James, to put the said Designe in execution, and that Parker had thold him, hee had formed the said Design with the late Marquis of Louvois. That at last the Prisoner with the said Barbesieux, Paparel, Parker & du Mont agreed upon the manner of executing the said designe: vizt: that the Prisoner & Parker should meet att the Grand Guard of the Duke of Luxembourgs Army, where they were to have 1500. Horse, that Du Mont should go to the King of Englands Army, & watch the time, when his Majesty went to visitt the Grand Guard, and att the same time hee was to shoot His Majesty; that the Prisoner & Parker with 1500. Horse were to rescue & bring him of, the said Du Mont geving timely notice to the Prisoner of the Intended Execution. That Monsr. Barbesieux giving the Prisoner

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orders to accompany Du Mont to Menin, hee gave him at the ſame time an order to the Duke of Luxemburg, for furnishing the Priſoner with ſuch a Detachment of Horſe, as hee ſhould require & think neceſſary for Executing the Deſigne. That the Priſoner by Monſr. Barbeſieux order received of Monſr. Paparell 80. Lewis d'Or. And in purſuance of Mr. Barbeſieux directions he gave to Du Mont 55. Lewis d'Or, out of that ſum, vizt 15. Piſtolls in ſpecie & à Bill of Enchange for 460. Livres French Mony, to bee payd at Ghent: That the Priſoner accordingly left Paris, the 11. of Sept. 1691. & went poſt with Du Mont to Menin, that hee defrayd the whole charge of the Journy, that Du Mont acquainted him on the way that Monſr. Barbeſieux had promiſed him an annuall revenue of 20000. livres, & to make him a Knight of the Order of St. Lazarus, in caſe the deſign took effect. That the Priſoner, coming to Menin, went to the Governor Monſr Pertuis, as hee had been directed by Monſr. Barbeſieux, and obtaind of him a Paſſeport for Du Mont, who parted immediately for Ghent, promiting the Priſoner, that according to their agreement, hee would ſend to him att the Grand Guard. That the Priſoner ther upon went to the Duke of Luxemburgs Army, and hee and Parker continued att the head of the Grand Guard till the day before the rencontre at Leuze without hearing from Du Mont. That Du Mont going to Hanover, the Priſoner had kept a conſtant correſpondence with him, about Executing the ſame deſigne at ſome other opportunity, that the Priſoner communicated what Letters hee received from Du Mont, to Mr. Barbeſieux, who gave him directions wat anſwers hee ſhould returne. That the Priſoner reſolved with Monſieur Barbeſieux, that the Deſigne ſhould bee Executed this Campagne Anno 1692. which had failed the laſt, that the Priſoner had taken ſome meaſures concerning the ſame with Monſr Chanlais Quarter-maſter Generall to the French King. In the mean time one Frederick Aelbregt Leefdael, heretofore Cap. Lt. of a troop

of Dragoons in the ſervice of the High & Mighty States General of the United Provinces coming to Paris, was brought acquainted with the Priſoner by the means of one Sterck. That the Priſoner having contracted an intimate familiarity with the ſaid Leefdale, diſcover'd the ſaid Deſigne to him towards the latter end of March laſt 1692, telling him that an Officer who woul ingratiate himſelf in the Kings favour muſt venture at ſomething of conſequence. That hee the Priſoner had concerted the execution of a Deſigne upon which his fortune depended, that it was indeed a matter not without hazard, but the greater the difficultys were, the more would bee the Honour, encouraging Leefdale to bee concern'd in it. And the ſaid Leefdale ſhewing a readyneſs to comply with him, the priſoner open'd himſelf with greater freedome, & told him that hee was engaged laſt Campagne with one Du Mont to aſſaſſinate the King of great Britain, but it had no effect by reaſon of his Majeſt. leaving the Army ſo Soone, but it was reſolved again to putt the ſame in execution this year. That Du Mont by many repeated Oaths had ſworne hee would do it, & hee the priſoner feared, that if hee were not preſent, Du Mont would not ſo exactly obſerve his orders, and therfore hee was reſolved to go along with Du Mont, aſking Leefdale. If hee would bee of the party, who anſwering that hee would the priſoner diſcourſd to him at large of all particulars concerning the deſigne, and afterwards brought him to Mr. Barbeſieux & Chanlais. That Chanlais in one of the conferences held upon that ſubject, told Leefdale, the Priſoner being by, that a great reward ſhould bee given him, the buſineſs ſucceeding, that Barbeſieux & Paparell had both of them knowledge of the promiſed reward. That hee the Priſoner with the ſaid Leefdale, & Colonell Parker went to St Germain on the 16 of April 1692, to ſpeak with the late King James about the ſaid Deſigne, who had knowledge of it, & to take leave of him, before they began their Journy, that the Priſoner had Audience at the ſame time of the ſaid King James, the

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late Queen being present King James telling him, Parker has given me an account of the buſineſs, if you & the other Officers do me this ſervice, you ſal never want. And Parker, the priſoner & Leefdale enterd into a diſcourſe about this Deſigne. That du Monts Wife delivered to Mr. Barbeſieux ſeveral Letters, which ſhe received from her Husband whilſt hee was at Hanover, and the Priſoner continuing his correſpondence with him at the ſaid time, hee engaged du Mont by Letters, & ſpecialy thoſe dated the 20 & 25 of April & the 12 of May laſt, to kome from Hanover to a Rendevous at Uden, in the Country of Raveſteyn, in order to take a finall reſolution with the ſaid Priſoner & Leefdale, concerning the manner of executing the Deſigne, the Priſoner preſſing du Mont to haſten his journy for fear the King of Engeland ſhould have occaſion to repaſs the ſea, the priſoner adding withall, that hee ſhould bee mad, if hee fail'd in his buſineſs. That the Priſoner with Chanlais & Leefdale were agreed in what manner the Aſſaſſinate ſhould bee committed on the Perſon, of his Maj: vizt: that when the King ſhould ride along the Lines, or ſhould go out to take any vieuw, or when the Army ſhould decamp, that du Mont ſhould ly in ambuſcade, and when his Maj: ſhould pas within 100 paces of him, he ſhould rhen fire upon the King, that Chanlais (to whom notice was to bee given before of the time) ſhould bee with 3000 Horſe at the D. of Luxemburgs Grand guard, that the Priſoner had told Leefdale their would bee no danger for hem ſince, du Mont had a ſecret to charme peoples eyes, and at all adventures they two would keep with thoſe, who followed the King, and when every body was purſuing after du Mont, they ſhould have time to eſcape & ſave them ſelves, & carry the account to Mr. Chanlais, and it little concernd them, whither du Mont ſhould bee taken or not, provided they could eſcape them ſelves. That the Priſoner & Leefdale received their laſt orders from Chanlais, who told them hee was going

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to Mons, & that they should stay for him there. That the Prisoner & Leefdale went from Paris the 17 of Apr: last and arrived a few days after att Mons, having wayted some time for Mr. Chanlais arrivall and finding hee did not come, they resolved to go forward to the rendevouz by the Way of Bruxells: That the Prisoner as they were travelling on the way told Leefdale, that their designe taking Place, the alliance among the Confœderate Princes would bee broken, that the Princes concern'd would each of them recall their Troopes and the Country being thereby left without Soldiers, the King of France would easely make himself Master of it. And K: James would bee restored again: That the Prisoner with Leefdale went to the Mayery of Boisleduc, & was apprehended att Eyndhoven. And whereas this horrid design is contrary to the Laws of God, of Nature, and of all Nations, and ought for the deterring of others, from the like machinations to be punished with the greatest rigour. The said Court Martial, having with mature deliberation, examin'd & considered the whole matter, have thought fit to Judge & declare, as they doe hereby declare, the Prisoner to bee guilty of high treason, and doe condemn him to be drawn on a Hedge to the Place of Execution, there to be hangd on a Gallows, to be cut donn before he be dead, his Body to be opened, and his Bowells to be taken out, and burnt; his head to be set upon a Pole, his Body to be quarterd, and the four quarters to behung up where his Maj: shall think fit; and doe further declare all his Estate to be confiscated, and condemn him to bear the Charges and Costs of this Tryall. Given and pronounced in the Head-Quarters of the Army, under the Command of his Maj: of Great Brittain, by the Earl of Athlone, Gen: of the Horse, Præsident; the Lt: Gen: van Scravenmoere, and Lt: Gener: Talmath, the Marquis de la Foreſt, the Heer van Weede, Comte Noyells, and the Heer Zobel, Majors Gen:, and the Brigadiers Churchill & Ramsey,

ſey, Cornelius van Wouw, and Richard Uthwayt, Judges Advocates. Aſſiſting at Lembeek the 11 of Aug: 1692.

Signed,

Athlone.

And lower,

By Ord: of the Court Martial:

Thomas du Val.